

**MARINE MESSAGES**

**Shibata Maru Bound for Japan, Due Down Today.**

**ANNIE LARSEN READY FOR SEA**

**Alliance Arrives in From Eureka and Coos Bay, with Plenty of Freight and People—Rosecrans Down with Monterey.**

The Japanese steamship Shibata Maru, Captain W. J. Eckstrom, is reported as due in this port some time today, en route to Japan, from Portland. Twenty-five of her original crew deserted her at the metropolis soon after her arrival there, causing much annoyance to her master; not so much on the score of the federal head-tax of \$2 each, which he must pay for every one of them not recaptured, or returned to the vessel, but that the full crew of the ship is disorganized and rendered inefficient by the absence of these men who have been carefully trained to the work of the vessel. The Japanese have a very adroit and thorough-going system in the shipping and training of their merchant and naval marine, and death and desertion in the ranks of either are always deplored as a detriment to the morals of the ships and services.

For instance, it is a well known fact that the Japanese merchant service always ships its men under very exact and stringent rules, giving to each man shipped a "marine book," in which the name, marks, and general history of the sailor is faithfully inscribed as time goes on, wholly supplemented by the photograph of the man himself taken in a home-port, pasted in the back of the book for purposes of identification; and upon these personal records, the sailor, and the employing company, relies for the establishment of all rights attaching to either, wheresoever question may arise.

It is said that the Shibata Maru

has enlisted several local Japanese from Portland, to take the places of those of the deserters, who have not returned to the vessel, and, before she leaves this port, she will be checked up by the immigration bureau inspectors, and it will be amusing if these well posted officers are sought to be imposed on by the recruits from Portland parading under the names, marks, histories and photographs of the men whose places they have taken on the ship, that is, if any of them should venture to do so. Such a scheme would be easily detected, and only to the discomfiture of the men working it. It would simply result in the declaration of the inspectors that the usual head-tax must be paid on the absentees. This, of course, is a bagatelle, but the whole thing serves to show that the immigration rules of this country are quite parallel with the best methods of service extant, and match all conditions very successfully.

With half a million feet of lumber in her hold and on her decks, the schooner Annie Larsen now lies at the dock of the Astoria Box Company, ready for her trip back to San Francisco. She has had an eventful trip, and her stay in this port has made a very dark page in her history. Her former master, Captain Forest, a man never in this or any trouble like it in his long and active career on this coast, lies in the county jail of Clatsop with a charge of murder pending against him; the man who gave the hardest testimony of the seven witnesses from the vessel against the captain, is in the same jail, charged with stealing \$170 in gold from the mate of the Larsen; George Fisher, one of her former crew, and who was killed by the captain, is in his grave; the old crew has been discharged and a new one completely installed, and the vessel will go out in command of the ex-mate of the schooner Andy Mahoney, Captain Charles Hellstrom. Quite a record for one small schooner to make in a few short weeks, in this port.

Four seamen of the British bark Melanope, who arrived here from Tacoma yesterday, went to British Vice Consul P. L. Cherry yesterday, in the matter of securing their private effects from the vessel now under the direct charge and authority of Deputy U. S. Marshal Griffith; and the vice consul gave them a note of introduction to the government man;



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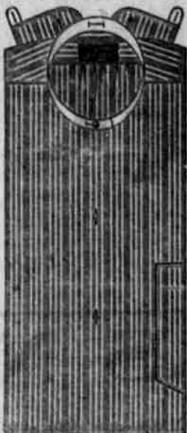
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**Morse Dept. Store**

but whether they succeeded in getting their dunnage or not, deponent sayeth not. The carpenter of the ship was among the group, and he has not only his clothing on board, but his chest of tools as well. It is quite likely they will get all their belongings in due season. The captain of the Northland, before he sailed from this port, declared he did not want any private property to be included in the basis of his award, or that of his company; but the law has its own way of dealing with these things, and he who knows the weight and tendency of the law, knows more than any of his fellows, until the decree is forthcoming.

The steamer Alliance arrived in from Eureka and Coos Bay yesterday and went directly to the A. & C. depot dock, where she discharged 7,000 cases of salmon for the Tallant-Grant Company, and then had 500 tons left for Portland delivery. She had 78 passengers on board, and got away for the metropolis at 7 o'clock p. m.

The French bark Jacobson, wheat laden for Europe, arrived down from Portland yesterday morning on the hawsers of the Harvest Queen and will take her dispatch as soon as possible. The Stronsa and the Invernesshire are the next square-riggers due down from the metropolis with wheat for Europe.

The steamship Rosecrans arrived down from Portland yesterday afternoon along with her tow, the Monterey, San Francisco bound for more oil.

The steamer Tiverton came in from California points yesterday and went to her berth at the Tongue Point mills dock for another big load of lumber.

The schooner Mabel Gale went to Portland yesterday on the hawsers of the steamer Harvest Queen.

**TODAY'S EXPRESS.** brings us from New York a fine line of ladies' silk waists and kimonos and a good many other articles which will be appreciated as Xmas gifts. Jaloff's new store, 120 11th street, near Commercial.

**OPENING OF THE STAR THEATER**

"A Woman's Struggle," at the Star Theater will be the bill presented, on the opening night of "Eckhardt's Ideals" indefinite engagement. That this company will "make good" goes without saying, as this piece has met with great success wherever it has been produced, and the management takes pleasure in announcing that the Star Theater has many pleasant surprises in the way of pleasing plays to offer to the many patrons of this popular play house.

A special matinee has been decided on for Christmas afternoon, as there will be scores of people anxious to see this play that will be busy shopping until late Christmas eve, the opening night. Therefore, they can spend a pleasant afternoon at the theater, to witness a performance that will be long remembered.

Ladies that have not received free tickets for the opening performance can cut coupon out of ad. in this paper and present at box office before 7 p. m. Monday, and secure a reserved seat, provided one regular paid ticket is purchased by a second person or escort.

**TEACH BY FADS.**

"Fancy Steps" and "Waterless Swimming" in Chicago Schools.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—"Hugless" dancing and "waterless" swimming are to be taught in the Chicago public schools. The 239,000 pupils will balance forward and backward, trip through the steps of the stately Mazurka, glide gracefully into waltzes and two-steps, trip through polkas or dash over the floor in an old fashioned galop. But they will trip, glide, and dash alone. No youthful arm will be allowed to belt the girlish waist, and they won't even know that they are dancing, because in the curriculum the "hugless" dancing is catalogued as "fancy steps."

As for the "swimming," the pupils will be allowed to hang themselves from flying hickory rungs and go through the motions of swimming in mid-air.

Beginning with the opening of the public schools for the winter term on January 2, the course of study is to be enriched by the introduction of the

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